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Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing you today to express my support for the settlement that has been reached in the Microsoft antitrust dispute. I hope that we can finally put this litigation behind us. I appreciate all the work that you have done in bringing this settlement about, and I hope that you continue to support it.

I feel that this case has been extremely bad for the American economy, not to mention the IT sector in general. With this settlement in place I hope that the damage that has been done to the economy can be rectified. Microsoft is one of this nation's biggest employers, and attacking them during this time of economic instability is unwise at best.

It is time for us to focus on more important issues. We need to put this past us so that we can continue to remain at the forefront of the technology industry throughout the world.

Sincerely.

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cc: Senator Strom Thurmond